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Memo for the record

Subject: ZECH-NENTWIG traces attached

1. To avoid duplication of effort, it was decided that headquarters should not forward traces to the field until the Frankfurt and Bonn traces had dropped.

2. Concerning the documents GW-1353 and GW-1453, which served as source documents for the information contained in 2a and 2b of attached paper:

a. It was learned that copies of these documents were in possession of the Bonn Operations Base;

b. It was learned that both these documents came from an SPD source;

c. It has been requested by [redacted] SP/VI Staff, 1501K, extension 2237, that, if the information is sent to the field, no mention be made of the documents' code symbols or their sources (2b above).

3. Concerning ECLA-11058, addressed to Bonn Operations Base and notifying Bonn of alleged ZECH-NENTWIG sources in the HICOM offices:

a. It was noted that the only information that possibly could bear on such alleged leaks in HICOM were contained in GW-1353, which is in the possession of Bonn. Furthermore, ~~GW-1353 is in the possession of Bonn~~ the reliability of GW-1353, because of its origin, is questionable.

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